CHUNK
RUSTLE
DIG DIG DIG DIG
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
...?
RINSE
CHUNK
CHUNK
IS HAACHAMA UP TO HER ANTICS AGAIN?
DIG DIG DIG
HAACHAMA?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SWING

KEEP IT UP, HAATON!
JUST A BIT MORE TO GO!
DIG
DIG
OINK!
DIG
DIG
DIG
CHUNK
CHUNK

NO, FOR REAL.
WHAT IS SHE DOING?
SPLAT

Chapter 14
FEELING FRISKY, DRESSED AS FRAN!
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SO YOU'RE SAYING,
YOU READ A BOOK ON HOME GARDENING...
AND COULDN'T WAIT TO TRY IT FOR YOURSELF.
PAFF
SO YOU STARTED TILLING.

IN MY GARDEN.
WITHOUT ASKING ME.
WE WERE GONNA TELL YOU ONCE WE FINISHED.
We're sorry
We're sorry

WELL, YOU'VE GIVEN ME SO MUCH, SO I WANTED TO GIVE BACK
BY GROWING YOU SOME HOMEGROWN VEGETABLES.
AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME BEFOREHAND BECAUSE...?
AND WHAT WOULD I DO WITH A SURPRISE GARDEN?
BONK
IT WAS A SURPRISE?
Ngh...
KWINGE
HOW MANY HECTARES CAN I USE?
YAY! THANKS!
...I NEVER SAID YOU COULDN'T USE THIS LAND.
I DO HAVE PLENTY OF UNUSED SPACE.
A SINGLE-PERSON PLOT, THAT'S IT!
TOSS

SO, WHAT SEEDS
ARE YOU GOING TO PLANT HERE?
Heh-heh!
OKAY, WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
LET'S KEEP GOING, HAATON!
OINK!
CRUNCH
VEGETATIVE PROPA-GATION?
YEAH, THAT THING!
WHO NEEDS SEEDS?
IT SAID SO IN THE BOOK!
YOU CAN PLANT VEGETABLE SCRAPS,
AND THEY'LL GROW BACK!

LEFTOVER BITS OF VEGETABLES CAN JUST GROW BACK!
LIKE ZOMBIES! HOW COOL IS THAT?
OOH, I WONDER IF THEY TASTE ANY DIFFERENT.
BEST OF ALL, IT DOESN'T COST ANY MONEY!

YOU KNOW, VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION IS HARDER THAN NORMAL PLANTING.
Wha?!
IT IS?!

THE YIELDS ARE POOR,
AND THEY GROW SLOWLY, TOO.
I'VE BEEN TRICKED!
BY WHO, EXACTLY...?

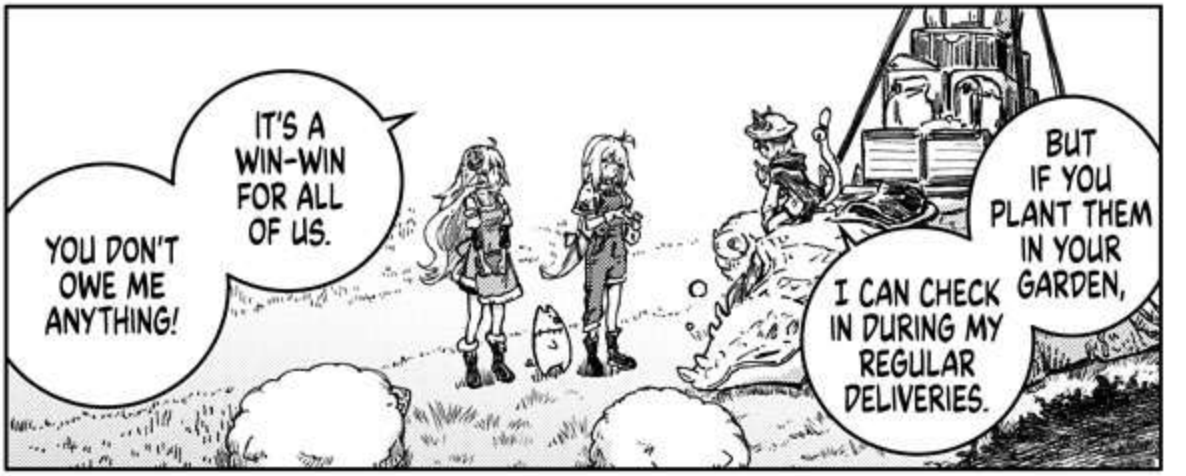
I'LL GO BUY SOME STUPID SEEDS IN TOWN...
DRIFT
GOSH, DID I TAKE THE WIND OUT OF YOUR SAILS THAT BADLY?
SIIII
HD
ASK WHO?
MAYBE WE CAN ASK HER.
OH, RIGHT, THAT WAS TODAY.
SIIIIIGH
THUMP
OF FEED FOR THE SHEEP AND OTHER STUFF I NEED.
I HAVE A REGULAR DELIVERY

WATAME-SAN!
I'M HERE WITH YOUR REGULAR DELIVERY!
WHOA!
GIMME STUFF I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
IT WOULD BE LOUIS D'OR SUPPLY CO.
IF ANYONE HAS THE WEIRD SEEDS YOU'D WANT,
THUMP
GOT ANY WEIRD SEEDS IN STOCK?!
LEAP

I SEE.
SO HAACHAMA-SAN IS STARTING A HOME GARDEN,
AND WANTS UNUSUAL SEEDS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
PREFERABLY SOMETHING NO ONE'S EVEN HEARD OF!
HAACHAMA, I THINK YOU NEED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THIS JUST MIGHT BE AN IM-PEKO-ABLE OPPORTUNITY.
"PEKO"?

RUMMAGE
AND I PROCURED FROM HER
SOME PARTICULARLY FINE LAPINCAROTTE SEEDS.
CLIMB
THAT'S RIGHT.
I MET A MOST INTERESTING RABBIT THE OTHER DAY.
FOR FREE?!
IF YOU'D LIKE,
I CAN OFFER THEM TO YOU, FREE OF CHARGE.
WHY?!

TUMBLE
WILL THE SEEDS EVEN GROW? AND HOW WELL? I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE TO DRAW FROM.
BUT I'VE NEVER STOCKED LAPINCAROTTE BEFORE.
I COULDN'T RESIST ACQUIRING A RARE SEED,


YOU DON'T OWE ME ANYTHING!
IT'S A WIN-WIN FOR ALL OF US.
I CAN CHECK IN DURING MY REGULAR DELIVERIES.
BUT IF YOU PLANT THEM IN YOUR GARDEN,

HAACHAMA...
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, CAN I HAVE SOME TOOLS AND FERTILIZER?
THANKS!
Yikes.
YOU ARE ONE SHAMELESS CUSTOMER, AREN'T YOU?
REACH

...
I WOULDN'T JUST GIVE THEM AWAY FOR FREE.
EVEN IF I HAD ANY,
COME ON, ANYTHING?
NOT EVEN LEFTOVERS?
Hey!
FRAN-CHAN, HAVE YOU HAD LUNCH YET?
NO.
I WAS GOING TO GRAB SOME IN TOWN.
HAACHAMA, COME GIVE ME A HAND.
GOSH, MUCH OBLIGED!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE SOME SANDWICHES.
PERFECT! JUST WAIT RIGHT THERE!

PSH. I GOTTA MAKE LUNCH FOR THAT SELFISH CAT?
YOU'LL LIVE.
SINCE SHE GAVE US CARROT SEEDS, LET'S MAKE A CARROT SANDWICH.
FIRST, JULIENNE SOME CARROTS.
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
WHILE WE'RE WAITING, HAACHAMA, WANNA MAKE THE SAUCE?
RUB IN SOME SALT
RUB
AND LET IT REST FOR A BIT.
IT'S JUST LEMON JUICE, A PINCH OF BLACK PEPPER,
AND OLIVE OIL, ALL MIXED TOGETHER.

POUR
NOW TOSS THE CARROTS WITH THE SAUCE.
OKAY.
EASY, RIGHT?
...WAIT. THAT'S IT?
SPREAD
THEN SPREAD BUTTER AND MUSTARD
ON SOME THINLY SLICED BREAD.
DUMP
GENEROUSLY PILE ON THE CARROTS,
LAY
TOP WITH LEAF LETTUCE AND HAM,

Carottes Râpées Sandwich
SANDWICH BETWEEN THE BREAD,
AND VOILÀ! CAROTTES RÂPÉES SANDWICHES!
WE'RE BACK, SELFISH MERCHANT!
Shoo...
Oink...
THAT WAS PRETTY QUICK,
SHAMELESS CUSTOMER.
Oink...

THEY CERTAINLY SMELL NICE!
DON'T THEY?
GO ON, EAT UP.
CAROTTES RÂPÉES SANDWICHES!
WATAME AND HAACHAMA'S HOMEMADE
CARROT-SOMETHING SANDWICHES!
OMP
LET'S EAT!
IF I DO!
DON'T MIND

YUM!
THE CARROTS ARE SO SWEET!
THE SAUCE IS SO TANGY!
ALL COMPLE-MENTED NICELY BY THE MUSTARD.
TART BUT NOT HARSH,
SWEET FROM THE CARROTS,
THE CARROTS HAVE A NICE, CRISP TEXTURE.
MUNCH
THAT SOUR FLAVOR... IT'S LEMON, NOT VINEGAR.
EAN
...OH, REALLY?
WHY, THIS IS SO GOOD, YOU COULD CHARGE FOR IT.
OMP

HUH?
OH? AND FOR HOW MUCH, PRECISELY?
YOU COULD SELL THIS IN A RESTAURANT...
YES, REALLY.

QUID PRO QUO?!
QU...
?
Heh-heh...
THEN SURELY YOU'LL DISCOUNT THE ITEMS HAACHAMA WANTS BY THAT AMOUNT?
IF IT'S REALLY TASTY ENOUGH TO PAY FOR...

HAACHAMA-SAN,
YOU MAY HAVE YOUR GARDENING SUPPLIES AT A SPECIAL DISCOUNT.
REALLY?!
THANKS, CAT MER-CHANT!
THAT'S FRAN TO YOU.
...VERY WELL, YOU GOT ME.
Sigh
ONCE THE LAPINCAROTTES GROW,
WE CAN HAVE CARROT SANDWICHES AGAIN, TOGETHER!
DOES THAT SOUND GOOD TO YOU,
FRAN?

DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!
THIS IS STRICTLY A MATTER OF BUSINESS.
Too close!
NOT BECAUSE I PERSONALLY... WANT TO EAT...
...
Hm?
...YES, THAT SOUNDS GOOD.
GREAT!
I SEE YOU'VE ALSO FALLEN VICTIM TO HAACHAMA'S CHARM, FRAN-CHAN?
MORE LIKE HER SHAME-LESSNESS.
NOM

YOU'RE ONE NAUGHTY SHEEP.
ONCE THE LAPIN-CAROTTES GROW,
WE'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER QUID-PRO-QUO SANDWICH.
SAME DEAL THEN, YES?

REALLY, HAVE YOU NO SHAME?
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN FOR THAT.
LET'S GET PLANTING! HELP ME OUT!
ENOUGH EATING, ALREADY!
SEL-FISH!